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1. Officers Eligible for Training in the USSR

In the future it will be the responsibility of the KVP to train efficers up to the rank of <u>Retaillenshamendame</u> in their own schools. Only efficers from the rank of <u>Retainment and and the sent to Soviet military training</u> schools. Exceptions will be made for efficers who are recruited as "special" cases, or when it is deemed necessary to allow efficers of lower rank to take part in "special" training courses.

2. Current Course

About twenty-five Kommandaura of artillary regiments were recently sent to the USSR and are taking part in a course which is being held there for higher ranking efficers. The group consists of eight Regiments/semendaura of artillary regiments and seventeen officers of artillary units who are being employed in their units as chiefs of staff and 0.0%, training.

3. Diretion of Courses

The present course is to last 21 months. Righteen months of this time will be spent in tactical and strategical handling of weapons (Waffenfuhrung). The remaining months will be spent on weapon training.

4. Units Taking Part

Officers taking part in this course come from units which are stationed at: Torgan, Dresden, Erfurt-Henne, Brandenburg, Leipzig, Kirchmöser, Frankenberg, Dessau, Prers/Rigen and Eggesin.

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